

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the following paragraphs:

On Page 2, "Disclosure of the Invention", second paragraph:

In this case, it is preferred that the apparatus main body is provided at least at one side part thereof with a reference plane directing in an arrangement direction orthogonal to an up and down direction and a longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and the reference plane is arranged to be separated by a predetermined distance or more in the arrangement direction from the umbrella ~~storage apparatus~~ retaining lock.

On page 6, second paragraph:

The second embodiment of an umbrella retaining lock according to the present invention is characterized by including a lock main body formed in a front surface thereof with a receiving recess extending in the up and downward direction and open forward, and a lock member disposed at the lock main body such that the lock member is displaceable between a releasing position and a locking position, the lock member, when located in the releasing position, allowing a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought in and out of the receiving recess through the opening part, and when located in the locking position, prohibiting the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from escaping from the receiving recess through the opening part, wherein a depth direction of the receiving recess is inclined with respect to the ~~longitudinal direction of the supporting member~~ front surface of said lock main body so that the depth of the receiving recess becomes deeper toward the horizontal direction along the front surface of the lock main body.